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SUBJECT: FRANCO- CANADIAN TALKS ON ENRICHMENT PLANT

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1. TWO SENIOR CEA OFFICIALS DESCRIBED ON-GOING
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND CANADA ON THE POSSI-
BILITY OF BUILDING A GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT IN CANADA.
HEAD OF THE CEA INTERNATIONAL SECTION, BERTRAND GOLD-
SCHMIDT, TOLD SCIATT THAT THE FRENCH AND CANADIANS WERE
CONDUCTING A VERY PRELIMINARY STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC
FEASIBILITY OF A DIFFUSING PLANT IN CANADA. IF THE
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RESULTS WERE POSITIVE THEY WOULD THEN ENTER INTO A SERIOUS IN-DEPTH ECONOMIC REASIBILITY STUDY. IF NOT, THE IDEA WOULD BE DROPPED. GOLDSCHMIDT GAVE HIS OPINION THAT IT WAS MORE EFFICIENT TO USE THE CANADIAN ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL ON SITE, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR AN ENRICHMENT PLANT, RATHER THAN TO TRANSMIT IT OVER LARGE DISTANCES THUS INCURRING TRANSMISSION LOSSES. HE CONCLUDED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS FAR TOO EARLY TO MAKE ANY JUDGMENT ON THE PROSPECT OF THE DIFFUSION PLANT POSSIBILITIES.

2. PHILIPPE GIRARD, A FORMER URANIUM MINING EXECUTIVE NOW WORKING IN THE CEA ENRICHMENT DIRECTION, AS WELL AS BEING EURODIF SALES MANAGER, TOLD SCIATT THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE AN EXTENDED VISIT TO CANADA DURING WHICH HE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON BUILDING A DIFFUSION ENRICHMENT PLANT THERE. HE WAS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN GOLDSCHMIDT AND IN FACT, PREFERRED AUSTRALIA AS A SITE FOR A SECOND DIFFUSION PLANT. HE FELT THERE ARE TOO MANY POLITICAL OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME IN CANADA.
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